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Marlene H. Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20054

Re: <u>Ex Parte Notice</u> – Annual Assessment of the Status of Competition in the Market for the Delivery of Video Programming, Notice of Inquiry, Docket No. 02-145

Dear Ms. Dortch,

At the request of William Johnson, Deputy Chief, Media Bureau, and Rosalee Chiara, EchoStar Communications Corp. (Echostar) hereby submits additional information in the above-captioned proceeding regarding the number of public interest networks it carries pursuant to Section 335 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. According to Bureau staff, DIRECTV provided such information in this proceeding and the record would be more complete with similar information from Echostar. EchoStar currently carries 21 public interest channels pursuant to the public interest set-aside regulations, in addition to other educational channels.

Please let me know if you require additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

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